

Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

Court Activity, All Divisions, Civil Appeals - 2009 to 2013

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	2009	2010	% Chg (9)	2011	% Chg (9)	2012	% Chg (9)	2013	% Chg (9)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,463	1,424	-2.7 %	1,339	-6 %	1,366	2 %	1,343	-1.7 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (10)									
Opinions Published	200	160	-20 %	211	31.9 %	198	-6.2 %	201	1.5 %
Opinions Unpublished	407	383	-5.9 %	397	3.7 %	386	-2.8 %	469	21.5 %
Opinions	607	543	-10.5 %	608	12 %	584	-3.9 %	670	14.7 %
Dismissed	7	6	. %	8	. %	6	. %	4	. %
Transferred/Certified (2)	30	30	. %	23	. %	16	. %	26	. %
Review Not Accepted	1	1	. %	3	. %	2	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	8	7	. %	7	. %	7	. %	23	. %
Orders	46	44	-4.3 %	41	-6.8 %	31	-24.4 %	53	71 %
Decided on Merits	120	122	1.7 %	97	-20.5 %	77	-20.6 %	106	37.7 %
Dismissed	405	402	-0.7 %	404	0.5 %	402	-0.5 %	386	-4 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	0	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Review Not Accepted	29	35	. %	26	. %	19	. %	13	. %
Other Terminations	19	16	. %	18	. %	18	. %	8	. %
Rulings	573	575	0.3 %	546	-5 %	516	-5.5 %	514	-0.4 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	619	619	0 %	587	-5.2 %	547	-6.8 %	567	3.7 %
Total Resolved	1,226	1,162	-5.2 %	1,195	2.8 %	1,131	-5.4 %	1,237	9.4 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	50	52	4 %	48	-7.7 %	46	-4.2 %	64	39.1 %
Brief Not Filed	547	553	1.1 %	550	-0.5 %	534	-2.9 %	569	6.6 %
Appellant Brief Filed	140	105	-25 %	109	3.8 %	125	14.7 %	99	-20.8 %
Respondent Brief Filed	266	329	23.7 %	350	6.4 %	413	18 %	374	-9.4 %
Remanded to Trial Court	3	3	. %	2	. %	2	. %	0	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	59	51	-13.6 %	43	-15.7 %	39	-9.3 %	58	48.7 %
Ruling Referred to Panel (6)	0	3	. %	2	. %	3	. %	1	. %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	109	101	-7.3 %	79	-21.8 %	117	48.1 %	119	1.7 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	1,174	1,197	2 %	1,183	-1.2 %	1,279	8.1 %	1,284	0.4 %
Opinion/Order in Process	93	112	20.4 %	115	2.7 %	111	-3.5 %	129	16.2 %
Total Pending Decision	1,267	1,309	3.3 %	1,298	-0.8 %	1,390	7.1 %	1,413	1.7 %
MANDATED (1) (8)									
Opinion Terminating Review	697	635	-8.9 %	667	5 %	588	-11.8 %	720	22.4 %
Order Terminating Review	38	48	26.3 %	45	-6.3 %	40	-11.1 %	27	. %
Ruling Terminating Review	638	679	6.4 %	688	1.3 %	545	-20.8 %	565	3.7 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	9	11	. %	10	. %	15	. %	6	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	685	738	7.7 %	743	0.7 %	600	-19.2 %	598	-0.3 %
Total Mandated	1,382	1,373	-0.7 %	1,410	2.7 %	1,188	-15.7 %	1,318	10.9 %

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